studies and also determine commercial viability of the project. Production from the following reserves is planned during the next five years:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Expected to start production by the year
(i)	Tummalapalle Mining Project (Andhra Pradesh)	2011/12 (April 2011)
(i)	Gogi Mining Project, Karnataka	2013/14
(ii)	KPM Project, Meghalaya	2014/15
(iii)	Lambapur Mining (Andhra Pradesh)	2014/15

The production in respect of Sl.No. (ii), (iii) and (iv) above is subject to receipt of all statutory clearances and after the investment decision is taken by the Government.

Nuclear power industry

1333. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the Government is reviewing the barriers to entry of the private sector into the civilian nuclear power industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): At present Indian private sector can participate in nuclear power generation projects as a minority partner.

Generation of Atomic Power in India

†1334. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the period from when the generation of atomic power is expected to start in India under the Indian Government's nuclear deal with America;

(b) whether the cost of such power generation would be less than the power generated by means of other resources, if so, the details of percentage-wise difference thereof;

(c) the percentage of the power generation likely to increase in the country as a result of the said deal; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) The Inter-Governmental agreements for co-operation in nuclear energy have been concluded with France, USA and the Russian Federation. Preliminary discussions on technical aspects for setting up nuclear reactors with organizations dealing in nuclear commerce from these countries have been initiated. The costs, schedules and other details will be known only when the commercial agreements are negotiated. These reactors are expected to have a gestation period of about six years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

40,000 MWe of nuclear power capacity based on international co-operation is planned to be added in a phased manner. The percentage of nuclear power is expected to increase progressively as new nuclear power plants are set up.

Public domain software

1335. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any order for using public domain software such as open office in Government offices instead of proprietary software;

(b) if so, number of departments/offices that have complied with the order; and

(c) if not, would the Government consider ensuring the use of public domain software that are conforming to open standards as it provides advantages of user freedom, lower cost, vendor independence, and as such beneficial to the users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has set up a National Resource Centre for Free/Open Source Software to carry out Research and Development, Human Resource Development, resource centres creation in specific areas and their deployment with the primary objective of building awareness and culture of Free and Open Source Software uses, thereby helping users to take informed decision.

Post office savings scheme

1336. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Post Office Savings in different States during the last three years;

(b) whether it is becoming unpopular because of less interest rate; and

(c) if so, give details, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) The status of Post Office Savings in different States as reflected in number of accounts during last three years is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below) The rate of interest of various Savings Bank Products are effective from 1st March, 2003 and there has been no change.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.